

is right!' And after this council, from the summit of the mount they descended, and each one took a direction. That is the kind of consultation! That is spiritual consultation. Not that if one should express an opinion the others should rise against him like the French parliamentarians and fight each other."

At this point, Jenabi Fazel Mazandarani and Manucher Khan, who had just reached New York from Haifa, entered the Convention hall. Their advent produced the greatest happiness among the delegates and the fragrant breezes of the Covenant were wafted to all hearts. Our brothers being invited to address the Convention, Jenabi Fazel, ably interpreted by Manucher Khan, spoke as follows:

*First Address by Jenabi Fazel
Mazandarani*

"We are very glad to see you all. Our hearts are pleased indeed. We were eight days on the sea and the waves were very high, but the hope to see you made everything happy and easy for us. We were in such ecstasy and such longing that it can only be imagined.

"Think of the distance between the East and West, how far Persia is from America. Such unity and such harmony is special to this Cause only. All the Divine Manifestations appeared in this world for love and unity, and in their own time they all established love and unity. See what this Cause has done during such a brief period—what union and love it has brought about. It has united East and West. This is one of the miracles of this period and this cycle. There are thousands in the East who are anxious to see you. It is their greatest wish to see one of you, but it is too far away and they cannot. It is only through the bounty of the Master (Abdul-Baha) that we are here. We are very happy and consider ourselves very fortunate indeed. We did not deserve this bounty at all. We left Haifa about two months ago to come to see you.

Many obstacles arose for us on the way, and we had many difficulties too; when they became most difficult then the invisible Hand untied the knot. His invisible bounty made those difficulties easy.

"Praise be to God, that we have attained to the end of the journey in such a good time—the time of Rizwan. Before the Rizwan ended we have succeeded in seeing you. This feast of Rizwan is mentioned in the *Book of Akdas*—and it is called the greatest feast, for it was during this time that the greatest Manifestation (BAHA'O'LLAH) appeared in the world. It was during this time that the best foundation of love was started; in this period the Sun of Reality and the Sun of Love appeared; in this time the standard of peace was elevated in the world. It was in this time that steps were taken for the unity of the people of the East and the West.

"In this time of Rizwan the Bahais all over the world render great services; they hold meetings of consultation to consider how to spread the spiritual fragrances of the many Mashrekol-Azkars. If there are no Mashrekol-Azkars in their country or district, at this time they take steps to build one, and if they already have one they take steps to make it larger. Mashrekol-Azkars are very necessary in this Cause. Abdul-Baha says that we must have a Mashrekol-Azkar in every town. It is also the command of His Holiness, BAHA'O'LLAH. That is to say, real supplication should be shown to the people of the world in this Temple, which is the Temple of unity; to show the people of the world what is pure supplication and pure prayer. In this season and in this time all the Spiritual Meetings (Houses of Spirituality) are renewed, in this time they select their members again; that is, they begin to elect their representatives in this season, who in turn select the members of the Spiritual Meetings.

"I hope that in this time we will be successful in all of our services. When

I was in the presence of the Master (Abdul-Baha) he gave me a very glad tidings, that is, regarding his health. And we are here to tell you of his perfect health. He was in splendid health and so happy; his happiness had never been greater or his health better and he was greatly pleased with everything that was going on in the Cause. He was very glad indeed. We know why he was so glad and so happy, because the Cause is spreading rapidly and making progress everywhere. The only thing that can make his heart happy is the spread of the Cause.

“When we were in the presence of the Master we received good news from all over the world, from the East and the West. When we were there we heard great news from America. He was so pleased that he handed to the friends there some of the letters you had written to him, and they were translated for all the Bahais. It shows how delighted the Master was with you.

“There is also great progress and improvement going on in the East; they are all so ablaze in the East that you cannot imagine the greatness of it. In former times they had so many difficulties, especially in Persia. There was no security of life for them at all; but now, as they are more secure and free in these times, they are doing better work. They have reported to the Master that in Teheran alone they have thirty meetings every night for teaching. That is the way the Cause is advancing in Persia, therefore the Master is exceedingly pleased in these days. That which pleases him most of all is the individual service and the taking of steps to advance the Cause. Where there are more meetings held, more success is made.

“The Master wants every one of you to take steps privately to teach the people; that is to say, that all the Bahais should spend their time in this service, for such a wonderful capacity has ap-

peared in the people. These catastrophes and calamities that have occurred in the world have opened the eyes of the people, and they will see that they should accept this Cause. In the first place, all the prophecies that were mentioned in our Holy Book have come to pass. Without any mistake, every one of them happened. All the prophecies in the *Book of Akdas* took place and these calamities have prepared the people to understand and accept this Cause. This is why a special capacity and talent has been created in the hearts of the people of the world. We hope that every one of you will spend all your time in serving humanity. That is what pleases the Master most. Allahu'Abha!”

Miss Juliet Thompson, being called upon by the chairman to read further words concerning the question before the Convention, read two talks of Abdul-Baha given at 780 West End Avenue, New York City, in 1912, as follows:

“The body-politic today is greatly in need of a physician. It is similar to a human body afflicted with nervous ailments. A doctor diagnoses the case and then prescribes treatment. He does not prescribe, however, until he has made the diagnosis. The disease which afflicts the body-politic is lack of love and absence of altruism. In the hearts of men no real love is found, and the condition is such that unless their susceptibilities are quickened by some power so that unity, love and accord may develop within them, there can be no healing, or agreement among mankind. Love and unity are the needs of the body-politic today. Without these there can be no progress or prosperity attained. Therefore, the friends of God must adhere to the power which will create this love and unity in the hearts of the sons of men. Science cannot cure the illness of the body-politic. Science cannot create amity and fellowship in human hearts. Neither can patriotism or racial prejudice effect a remedy. It

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